

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF SOUTH CAROLINA

DOCKETING DEPARTMENT

NOTICE OF FILING

DOCKET NO. 2007-41-W

APPLICATION OF ASHLEY OAKS WATER SYSTEM, INC. FOR APPROVAL OF TRANSFER OF ITS WATER SYSTEM TO CITY OF COLUMBIA

Pursuant to S.C. Code Ann. § 58-5-210 (1976) and 26 S.C. Code Ann. Regs. 103-704 (Supp. 2006), Ashley Oaks Water System, Inc. (AOW) has filed an Application with the Public Service Commission of South Carolina (the Commission) for approval of the transfer to the City of Columbia (City) of its water utility system serving Ashley Oaks Subdivision, Phase I, II, III and Ashley Woods.

In support of its Application, AOW is a South Carolina corporation certificated to provide water to the public for compensation to Ashley Oaks Subdivision, Phase I, II, III and Ashley Woods. AOW is currently operating its facility pursuant to a permit issued by the South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control (DHEC). This system operates on four wells (Well 1, Well 2, Well 3 and Well 4). The Application reveals that these wells have not been able to provide adequate water to the customers in Ashley Oaks Subdivision, Phase I, II, III and Ashley Woods. According to the Application, it would be impossible to upgrade the AOW System. The City currently provides water service to Ashley Oaks Subdivision, Phases 4, 5, 6 and 7. AOW and the City have negotiated a contract whereby the City will, subject to the approval of the Commission and DHEC, acquire all water utility system facilities presently held by AOW in Ashley Oaks Subdivision, Phase I, II, III and Ashley Woods.

A copy of the Application is on file in the offices of the Public Service Commission of South Carolina, 101 Executive Center Drive, Synergy Business Park, Columbia, South Carolina 29210, the Commission's website at www.psc.sc.gov and is available from Michael D. Shelley, President, Ashley Oaks Water System, Inc., 209 Blythewood Road, Blythewood, South Carolina 29016.

A public hearing, if scheduled, will be held in Columbia, South Carolina in the offices of the Commission at the above address, for the purpose of receiving testimony and other evidence from all interested parties regarding this Application. The time and date of this hearing will be furnished to all interested parties at a later date.

Any person who wishes to testify and present evidence at a hearing concerning these matters should notify, in writing, the Docketing Department at the address below, the Office of Regulatory Staff, Post Office Box 11263, Columbia, South Carolina 29211 and Michael D. Shelley, President, Ashley Oaks Water System, Inc., 209 Blythewood Road, Blythewood, South Carolina 29016 on or before **March 12, 2007**. *Please refer to Docket No. 2007-41-W.*

Any person who wishes to participate in this matter, as a Party of Record with the right of cross-examination, should file a Petition to Intervene in accordance with the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure, on or before **March 12, 2007**, and indicate the amount of time required for his presentation. Please include an email address for receipt of future Commission correspondence in the Petition to Intervene. *Please refer to Docket No. 2007-41-W.*

Any person who wishes to be notified of the hearing, but does not wish to present testimony or be a party of record, may do so by notifying the Docketing Department, in writing, at the address below on or before **March 12, 2007**. *Please refer to Docket No. 2007-41-W.*

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE: Any person who wishes to have his or her comments considered as part of the official record of this proceeding **MUST** present such comments, in person, to the Commission during the hearing.

Persons seeking information about the Commission's Procedures should contact the Commission in Columbia at 803-896-5100.

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